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SUBJECT: DENKTASH ON CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

1. FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER HAS PROVIDED DEPARTMENT IN CONFIDENCE SUMMARY OF TELEGRAM FROM NICOSIA REPORTING CONVERSATION MARCH 2 OR 3 BETWEEN TURKISH CYPRIOT-LEADER RAUF DENKTASH AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO CYPRUS. REPORT WAS FILLED WITH USUAL LENGTHY DENKTASH DIATRIBE AGAINST MAKARIOS AND GREEK CHURCH ORGANIZATION IN CYPRUS, BUT NUMBER OF NEW POINTS EMERGED FROM CONVERSATION WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES.

2. MOST IMPORTANT WAS DENKTASH ASSERTION THAT NEXT
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ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS COULD NOT TAKE PLACE ANYTIME

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IN MAY OR EARLY JUNE BECAUSE OF COMPLEX ELECTION SCHEDULE BEING DEVELOPED IN NORTHERN CYPRUS. FIRST AVAILABLE DATE THAT DENKTASH COULD TRAVEL TO VIENNA WOULD BE SOMETIME AFTER MID-JUNE. WHILE DENKTASH SAID HE WOULD RESPOND WITHIN TEN DAYS TO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS HE RECEIVED FROM CLERIDES, HE INSISTED NO SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS COULD OCCUR UNTIL SUBCOMMITTEES MET IN NICOSIA FOLLOWING NEXT VIENNA ROUND.

3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED FROM OTHER DENKTASH'S

COMMENTS THAT TURKISH-CYPRIOTS HAD NO INTENTION OF RETURNING MORPHOU OR ANY OTHER AREA IN WHICH TURKISH-CYPRIOTS HAVE BEEN RESETTLED. DENKTASH AFFIRMED THAT HE WAS STILL WILLING TO DISCUSS NEW FAMAGUSTA, BUT INDICATED HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE TO RESETTLE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS IN THIS CITY, AND ONCE THAT OCCURRED, THERE WOULD BE NO CHANCE OF TURNING CITY BACK TO GREEKS.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, DENKTASH TOLD FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT SOME 15,000 TURKISH-CYPRIOTS HAD BEEN RESETTLED IN NORTHERN CYPRUS SINCE MID 1974, IMPLYING THAT ALL HAD COME FROM THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND. HE ALSO SAID THERE WERE NOW SOME 5,000 SEASONAL WORKERS IN NORTHERN CYPRUS, AND THAT AROUND 15,000 ADDITIONAL TURKISH-CYPRIOTS WERE EXPECTED TO"RETURN HOME" IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. KISSINGER

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